AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, line 21 as follows:

[0029] Figure 1 shows an input line card 110, a queue associated with a logical destination card 115, a logical to physical port mapping module 117, switching fabric 120, logical port 130, and line cards (physical ports) 140 and 150. It should be noted that all line cards normally are duplex, that is they are able to both send traffic into the fabric and receive traffic from the fabric. However, for the purpose of explanation the description only considers ingress traffic from 110 to 140 and 150. In Figure 1, traffic (frames or cells) sent to source line card 110 are mapped to a queue within the line card associated with the destination logical port 130. Logical port 130 is associated with two physical line cards 140 and 150. The logical port to physical port mapping occurs in port mapping module 117. This module implements this function either by using a logical port destination address field added by the line card 110 to each data packet or cell, or by an explicit mechanism which facilitates configuration or pre-determined mapping of a queue buffer to determine the logical port destination of the frame or cell. ~~This block~~ This module uses a table to remap the logical destination to a physical port on the switching fabric. Usually this is done by adding information to the head of the cell or packet that allows the switching fabric to determine the physical destination fabric port to which the cell or packet should be sent. By adjusting the contents of this table within the module 117 all traffic from one line card can be redirected to another line card. As such, the ingress queues are associated with one logical port 130, and two physical destination slots (cards) 140 and 150. It should be noted that only the destination physical port address is changed, and the line card 110 queues and traffic flow is unaffected. This redundancy represents a doubling of the number of physical destination slots available to traffic transferred from source line card 110.